



SUPPORT TO LA PAZ

Through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the U.S. Government has a broad assistance program in Bolivia that supports the Bolivian Government's National Development Plan.



USAID provides support and technical training for companies and small businesses in the textile industry to improve quality, capacity, and access to international markets.

Through its official foreign assistance agency, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the U.S. Government supports over 200 projects in 76 municipalities in the Department of La Paz.

1. ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE POPULATION

The Department of La Paz contains municipalities with varying poverty levels and development needs. USAID supports economic development in the department through the development of businesses with strong export potential, job creation and capacity to form export chains. The Business Development Center, located in El Alto, has supported this city to continue strengthening the quality of its manufactured goods and value-added products.

USAID also strengthens financial institutions and credit unions through the introduction of innovative services. Additionally, USAID supports the development of cleaner production technologies and promotes alliances in the production cycles of quinoa grain sold on international markets.

2. IMPROVED ACCESS TO JUSTICE

USAID supports a comprehensive program that works with the Government of Bolivia to strengthen democratic institutions and improve the administration of justice. As part of this program, USAID, in conjunction with the Ministry of Justice and the Judicial Branch, has supported the establishment and operation of six Integrated Justice Centers (IJC) in the city of El Alto since 2004. USAID has worked with the British Embassy to establish an additional IJC in the Max Paredes neighborhood of La Paz. USAID has also worked with the La Paz District Attorney's office and the police to establish customer reception areas in their offices in La Paz and El Alto. This support is aimed at increasing the efficiency of justice services, mitigating delays in the administration of justice, and providing improved access to justice services for Bolivian citizens.

3. EFFECTIVE DEPARTMENTAL GOVERNMENTS

With the installation of elected departmental governments in 2005, Bolivia took a significant step in strengthening accountable, decentralized government. As it does worldwide, USAID is providing basic institutional strengthening technical assistance and training to Bolivia's departmental governments to help them assume more effectively their new roles in planning, financing, and delivering services to citizens.

In La Paz, USAID is supporting the prefecture's efforts to mitigate conflicts by strengthening its Conflict Prevention Unit, improving conflict management, technical capacity and communications. The U.S. Government has supported more than 17 activities to help in the

institutional development of the Department of La Paz, with a value of over \$US 750,000. Many of these activities have involved support for small businesses that provide public services.

4. IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF BOLIVIANS

Since 2006 USAID has been coordinating with local NGOs to implement programs for maternal-child health, the prevention and control of infectious diseases and the delivery of high-quality health care through health networks. The programs target rural communities.

PROSALUD, Bolivia's largest network for private health services, and CIES, a specialized integrated health care clinic for sexual and reproductive health, provides health coverage to the peri-urban areas of La Paz and El Alto.

5. ENVIRONMENT

USAID, in conjunction with the Government of Bolivia, departmental government, local governments and community organizations, promotes the conservation and sustainable development of the Amboró-Madidi Corridor which contains 9 protected areas, 9 indigenous groups and covers over 12% of the national territory. Assistance has supported environmentally friendly planning of indigenous territories and municipalities, promotion of community-based ecotourism and other economic initiatives to generate income, parks management and environmental education. USAID programs have also helped to put more than 500,000 hectares of forest lands under sustainable management and increased incomes from forest activities of participating communities by 55%. USAID's Cleaner Production program helps to make Bolivian industries in La Paz and El Alto more environmentally responsible and competitive in international markets.

6. INTEGRATED ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT

USAID coordinates with the Government of Bolivia to consolidate the development of a licit economy in Los Yungas area. For this purpose, USAID is implementing an integrated alternative development program aimed at strengthening sustainable enterprises managed by producers and private entrepreneurs. In addition, USAID is assisting with rural electrification, road infrastructure, community development, the management of natural resources, rural competitiveness, and minor grants for specific projects.

7. FOOD SECURITY

The Food for Work Program supports local development and health care initiatives in areas of major food insecurity in Bolivia. USAID works jointly with the municipal government, departmental government, neighborhood organizations, and farmers in the city of El Alto's peri-urban areas and the Altiplano area of La Paz by supporting the construction of irrigation systems, basic sanitation, community agriculture production, and natural resource management.



USAID projects support local development in the rural town of Churillanga in the Department of La Paz.